

MEMORANDUM

To: Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

From: Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian

Re: Black Barn Arts Complex, 1250 Weatherhead Hollow, Guilford

Date: March 16, 2016

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (the "Division") is seeking a Determination of Eligibility for the State Register of Historic Places for the property located at 1250 Weatherhead Hollow in Guildford, VT. This property is not presently documented in the Historic Sites and Structures Survey.

Proposed work on the buildings on the property requires an Act 250 permit, and in order for the Division to participate in the Act 250 process we would like the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (the "Council") to review the enclosed information about the property and establish whether or not the property is historically significant and therefore eligible for the State Register of Historic Places.

The farmstead dates to the late 18th century and contains a collection of agricultural buildings surrounding the c. 1792 Main House. Today the property consists of 3 acres, and the surrounding area is largely undeveloped and retains its agricultural setting. The surrounding area is sparsely populated and retains its historic agricultural feeling and association.

Based on the materials submitted for review, it is our opinion that this property is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. Within the context of agriculture, it is eligible under Criterion A as a locally-significant example of an early 19th century farmstead that reflects the historic pattern of agricultural practices in Guilford. Within the context of architecture, it is eligible under Criterion C a representative example of a Federal-style house with related outbuildings and agricultural structures. The property retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

